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SUBJECT: FINNISH ARRANGEMENTS WITH EE COUNTRIES

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1. EMBASSY BELIEVES US INTERESTS VIS-A-VIS FINLAND BEST SERVED BY SEEKING HAVE FINNISH-EE "FREE TRADE" AGREEMENTS CONSIDERED AS "EXCEPTIONAL" AND HANDLED ON WAIVER BASIS.

2. THERE IS TENDENCY IN FINNISH FOREIGN POLICY LEADERSHIP TO CONSIDER CSCE FINAL ACT HAS SANCTIFIED ALL FINNISH PAST INITIATIVES (E.G. EQUATING OF TWO GERMANIES) AND CLEARED WAY FOR NEW FINNISH INITIATIVES (E.G. BRINGING USSR INTO NORDIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION) WHICH ADVANCE EASTERN MORE THAN WESTERN INTERESTS. DETERMINATION THAT FINNISH "FREE TRADE" AGREEMENTS ARE CLEARLY OUTSIDE GATT WOULD, IN EMBASSY'S ESTIMATE, BE MORE LIKELY CAUSE FINNS GO SLOW ON SUCH INITIATIVES THAN WOULD INCONCLUSIVE TREATMENT UNDER ARTICLE XXIV BY GATT WORKING PARTY.

3. FINNS HAVE AT TIMES SAID (A) THEIR NEUTRALITY IS UNLIKE ANY OTHER COUNTRY'S NEUTRALITY, AND (B) FINNISH-SOVIET RELATIONS ARE A MODEL FOR RELATIONS BETWEEN COUNTRIES FO DIFFERING SOCIAL SYSTEMS. EMBASSY URGES THAT US ACCEPT
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(A) AND REJECT (B) AS BASIS FOR OUR POLICY.

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